

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Please replace paragraph [0016] with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- Referring now to the drawings, in which like numerals refer to like components or steps, there are disclosed broad aspects of the preferred embodiments of the present invention. As shown in Fig. 1, the current invention has a housing 100. Housing 100 has a top surface 102, a bottom surface 103, and a side wall 101, where these walls define a chamber within the housing. As shown in Fig 1, the housing may take the shape of a box, with side wall 101 comprising two long side walls ~~101a~~ 101b and two shorter end walls ~~101b~~ 101a. Bottom surface 103 and top surface 102 are then rectangular. However, this is not required; the housing 100 may, if desired, be constructed from a circular or oval top 102, a circular or oval bottom 103, with a cylindrical side wall 101 therebetween. The housing 100 may also be polygonal, with between three and eight sides. Housing 100 is preferably made of a heat absorptive plastic material. Useful materials for manufacture of the housing include polypropylene, high density polyethylene, polystyrene, and polyester. High-strength composite materials, such as polypropylene reinforced with glass or polyester netting or fibers, may also be used in construction of the housing. These materials may be made heat absorptive by coloring the materials a dark color, preferably black. This may be done by adding a colored filler, such as carbon black, iron oxide, or bone black to the plastic. Alternatively, the housing may be painted black or covered with a layer of a dark material, which may be a fabric, black paper, or black plastic.--

Please replace paragraph [0017] with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- In one embodiment of the current invention, flange 104 extends ~~from~~ from the side wall 101 of the housing 100, and may be used to position the bee feeder on the top of an artificial hive body (not shown in Fig. 1). At least two hand grips 108 are present in the side wall 101, positioned on opposite sides of wall 101. In the embodiment pictured in Fig. 1, one grip 108 is present in each ~~long~~ short wall 101a, and one grip 108 is present in each long ~~short~~ wall 101b. A handle 107 is positioned on the top surface 102, allowing a bee keeper to conveniently carry the empty feeder from place to place. In a preferred embodiment, a well 106 is present in top surface 102, and handle 107 is recessed within the well. An alternative view of the feeder providing a better view of well 106 and handle 107 is shown in Fig. 4.

Handle 107 may be used to conveniently carry the empty bee feeder from place to place. Alternatively, if the bee feeder is filled with syrup for the bees, the feeder is heavier and the bee keeper may prefer to carry the feeder using grips 108.--

Please replace paragraph [0021] with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- As shown in Figs. 5 and 6, the bee feeder is positioned directly on top of an artificial hive body 500, which serves as a brood chamber for the bees. The hive body 500 includes a housing 501 enclosing the hive, where housing 501 has an outer wall and an opening (not shown) in the bottom which allows the bees to leave the brood chamber. Within housing 501 is a plurality of frames 503, which are hung within the housing with a 3/8-inch gap therebetween (shown with broken lines in Fig. 5). The bee feeder is positioned on the outer wall ~~501~~ of the housing 501 so that base 103 covers an opening in the top of housing 501, with holes 202 being positioned within easy reach of the bees, as shown in Fig. 6. Additionally, the flange 104 connected to wall 101 of the housing is positioned on the outer wall of housing 501. The flange is then secured in position by mounting a second hive body 500a having a housing 501a with an outer wall on the flange 104 so that flange 104 is positioned between the outer wall of lower housing 501 and the outer wall of upper housing 501a. A hive top 602, shown in Fig. 6, is positioned on top of housing 501a. The top may be completely removable, or the top may be opened by means of hinges. Once secured in position, the feeder may be refilled through port 201 without the need to risk agitating the bees in the hive by opening hive top 602. Also, since the bee feeder is not removed from housing 501a while refilling the feeder, there is a greatly reduced risk of exposing the bees to a cool external environment during the feeding process.--